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Subject: Professional Services Agreement for the Design of the Angier Avenue
Streetscape

Executive Summary

One of the City Council's strategic priorities is that its citizens enjoy sustainable, thriving neighborhoods with efficient and well-maintained infrastructure. This item seeks to address that priority by amending the contract for design services for the improvements along the Angier/Driver Commercial Corridor, as well as for public space in the Little Five Points area at the northern boundary of downtown Durham. Both of these areas are among the City of Durham's Targeted Community Development Areas identified by Council. The current contract amount is \$724,945.00 and this amendment would increase the total to \$760,545.00. The design for this project is scheduled to be completed in September 2011. Construction is proposed to begin in February 2012 and completed in November 2012.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment for the Professional Services Agreement for the Design of the Angier Avenue Streetscape in the amount of \$35,600.00 increasing the total contract to \$760,545.00.

Background

In March 2006, City Council approved a Neighborhood Assessment and Plan to assess the economic strengths, weaknesses and opportunities and threats within Targeted Neighborhood Commercial Areas. The assessment established a development plan for the revitalization of these areas. The process included outreach to local businesses and residents with many opportunities to participate in the process through leadership interviews and visioning charrettes.

One of the standards identified in the plan was the need to have uniquely tailored streetscape designs for each of the Targeted Community Development Areas. Streetscape design and implementation was seen to be a means of promoting economic development in each of the Targeted Neighborhood Commercial corridors.

OEWD, in concert with the Department of Public Works, developed a process to create unique streetscape designs tailored to each area. The process included a conceptual design exercise to solicit community feedback from Durham businesses, community residents, and other primary stakeholders to allow them the opportunity to determine corridor improvements, aesthetics, safety and function.

E.G.& G., Inc. was hired at a cost of \$299,945.00, to assist the City of Durham in the development of these conceptual plans.

Issues/Analysis

The City of Durham has strengthened its focus on the economic stability and vitality of its low and moderate-income neighborhoods. Although some public and private investments have helped to add life to some Targeted Community Development Areas, based upon the goals of the 2006 RKG Neighborhood Assessment and the input received from residents in various civic engagement sessions, there is still work to be done related to public infrastructure in the Targeted Neighborhood Commercial Corridors.

This item contains recommendations that would facilitate additional services for the streetscape project being performed at the Angier-Driver intersection by E.G.& G., Incorporated of Akron, Ohio and as such, recommends a contract amendment that would allow for additional engineering plans and related services for water main rehabilitation, traffic signalization, and modification of environmental services, hereby increases the total contract price by an additional \$35,600.00. \$24,000.00 of the \$35,600.00 would be related to the Angier-Driver project. \$11,600 would be related to a project in the Little Five Points area. OEWD in conjunction with the Department of Public Works has indentified a public art or civic streetscape project that could be implemented with existing financial resources and can build upon the momentum of the work that has begun in the Little Five Points area. This work includes proposals for mixed-use redevelopment in the area, proposals for the location of an urban market and a mobilization of building owners to begin the process of making building improvements on their properties. The Little Five Points project that has been indentified, has community support and is further supported by the recommendations outlined in the proposed streetscape projects for Targeted Neighborhood Commercial Areas that was completed by E.G.&G., Inc.

Alternatives

The Durham City Council could decide to not approve the amendment to the contract and or could choose to distribute funding in a different manner.

Approval of the amended contract is necessary for the continued implementation of Targeted Neighborhood Commercial Area Streetscape Projects in the Angier-Driver area and at Little Five Points.

Financial Impact

Funds for the project are budgeted for in the following accounts:

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| Streetscape | 07300000-728600 | \$ 11,600.00 |
| Water Main Rehabilitation | 4100P762-731002-P0AB2 | <u>\$ 24,000.00</u> |
| | Total | \$ 35,600.00 |

SDBE Summary

This is a contract amendment. No compliance review was conducted in accordance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting.

E.G. & G. Inc. will be using the following SDBE firm for the additional scope of service:

| Firm | ID | City/State | Amount | % of Contract |
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| SEPI Engineering Group, Inc. | WSDBE | Raleigh, NC | \$ 2,000.00 | 5.6% |